

REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 4. No new matter has been added. The amended claims are supported in the Specification at pages 4-7.

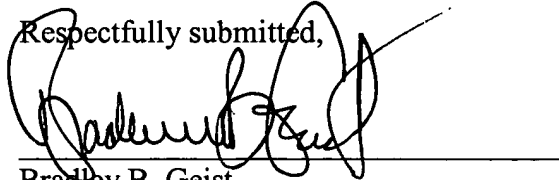
The Examiner's rejection of independent Claims 1 and 4 is believed to be moot in view of the amendments to the claims. Nevertheless, the rejection of Claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,389,294 (Sharaki et al.) for the reasons stated on pages 2 and 3 of the Official Action and not herein repeated is respectfully traversed.

The present invention as claimed regulates a base transceiver station (BTS) in accordance with an operator command of the operation when an additional repeater is established. According to operator command, the transmission power of BTS is controlled by regulating the gain of the gain variable amplifier to OdB or 3dB. Sharaki et al. fails to teach or suggest controlling transmission power of the BTS. Sharaki et al. discloses a method and apparatus for controlling transmission power of mobile station.

The rejection of Claims 2, 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Sharaki et al. is also traversed, for the reasons discussed above. Furthermore, Claims 2, 3 and 5 are dependent claims, i.e. depending from Claims 1 and 4 and which Applicants believe are patentable over Sharaki et al. Accordingly, in the event Claims 1 and 4 are patentable over Sharaki et al., all claims depending therefrom should also be found to be patentable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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